

**SCC Small Group Discussion**  
**Letting Go of Superiority – John 4:5-10, 13-18, 25-30**

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**Getting Started:**

Can you remember a time when you had a really strange or awkward conversation? What happened? How did you feel about the person?

How would you reach out to someone who has been rejected by others?

**Searching the Scriptures:**

*<sup>5</sup> So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. <sup>7</sup> When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." John 4:5-10*

1. Based on the information in the passage, what might the Samaritan woman have thought when she came to the well in the middle of the day and found a Jewish man sitting next to it?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. The well Jesus went to had a historical meaning. Later he talked about living water with the Samaritan woman. Read the original reference in Genesis 33:18-19. How might this location help legitimize or even spiritualize this conversation?

*<sup>13</sup> Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."<sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."<sup>16</sup> He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."<sup>17</sup> "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. <sup>18</sup> The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true." John 4:13-18*

3. The Samaritan woman and Jesus had two different ideas about “living water.” What were they? Why was the living water Jesus described attractive to the woman?
4. Why do you think Jesus told her to call her husband?

*<sup>25</sup> The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”<sup>26</sup> Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?”<sup>28</sup> Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, <sup>29</sup> “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” <sup>30</sup> They came out of the town and made their way toward him.” John 4:25-30*

5. What did Jesus say and do to open this woman’s heart?
6. How did the living water she found spur her to tell others about Jesus out of joy and compassion, rather than obligation? What can we learn about her urgency, given that she left her jar?
7. How would you describe the disciples’ attitude toward Jesus when they came back to Him? Why do you think they responded in that way?

### **Application of the Scriptures:**

What would be an equivalent “Samaritan” in today’s religious and cultural system? Would you have trouble associating with this person?

How does the metaphor of “living water” speak to you or affect you?

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